

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action transmitted March 27, 2007 (the "Office Action"). The Office Action rejects Claims 1-21. Applicants amend Claims 1, 8, 15 and 21 and cancel Claims 4, 11 and 18. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 and 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 12-15, 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 2003/001340 to Mosttov et al ("Mosttov"). The Office Action rejects Claims 2, 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mosttov*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 4 and 11 are indicated as having allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 21 to recite elements similar to those recited in allowable Claims 4 and 11, including elements of base claims and intervening claims. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 8, 15 and 21 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable over the cited art used in the rejections

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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